

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 8, lines 16-21, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

As can be seen, in the phases subsequent to that of introduction of the ingredients considered above, the ram is raised and lowered quickly between the upper and lower end-of-stroke positions, because the further introduction of other material to be mixed is not ~~scheduled~~, ~~however~~ scheduled. However, this possibility should not be excluded and, in such a case, lowering of the ram will still be performed in controlled manner ~~likewise~~ as already explained.

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